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Numismatic Biography

Charles Taylor Tatman.

THE subject of this brief sketch, Mr. Charles T. Tatman, was born in Worcester Mass., December 16th 1871, and thinks if he had to do it over again, that he could not select a better place, considering that it has been the home of his ancestors for upwards of 150 years, and what was good enough for them, is good enough for him. He has always lived in Worcester. He was educated in the public schools of his city, and during this period we often find him showing his head above the common level, as president of his classes, and debating societies, and on the college press; until his graduation in 1889.

In 1891 he entered the Harvard Law School and has already distinguished himself as first bass in the University Glee Club, and Harvard Republican Club. He has two more years in the University, when he will weave his web, put his "shingle" in the centre, and anxiously await victims. As it is the fate of humanity to suffer in the spirit, in the flesh, and from the devil; and as a result, preachers, doctors and lawyers have become a necessity, so we will hope Mr. Tatman will get his share of victims.

He has contributed liberally on numismatic and historical subjects to the press, and the readers of The Numismatist are aware of his success in conducting the Numismatic

Department of *Plain Talk*. His article on the first Virginia Coinage, was a valuable addition to our numismatic lore, and has drawn out several very appreciative letters from persons of distinction. He is a member of the Worcester Society of Antiquity, a local historical society, owning a fine museum and library building. His father is one of the solid and influential men of the city, and has held various positions of public trust.

Mr. C. T. Tatman weighs 160 pounds and is 5 feet 11 inches in height physically, and 11 feet 5 inches in statue in the American Numismatic Association, of which organization he was one of the original movers, and whose interest in it has never lagged. He has held the office of Secretary of the Association until absence in Europe compelled his resignation last month. (June 1892.)

In 1884 he first began to collect coins, and now has a collection of over 1500 varieties in a cabinet of his own handiwork. He confesses to being a "crank" on other matters as base ball, tennis, etc; but with these failings, there are two things alone which will pass him through Saint Peter's gates with a whoop, and entitle him to sing "first bass" in the celestial choir and these are, his enthusiasm on numismatic subjects, and his being a good Republican.

The knowledge of coins and medals, through the inscriptions and devices thereon, is, to an extent, a history of the world from that date in which metals were applied to such uses. Events engraven upon these, remain hidden in tombs or buried in the bosom of the earth, deposited there in ages long past, by careful and miserly hands, only awaiting the research of the patient investigator to tell the story of their origin. Numismatic treasures are scanned as evidence of facts to substantiate statements upon papyrus or stone, and dates are often supplied to determine the border line between asserted tradition and positive history.

EVANS.

Coins for Collectors Only.

For some time it has been a question in our mind as to the exact status of certain coins that have had quite an extensive sale the past few years. Two things, first naturally aroused suspicion that everything was not just as it should be.

First; the uniform "uncirculated to "proof" condition of the pieces.

Second; the impossibility of obtaining them, in any condition, in the localities they are supposed to represent.

It is therefore, with no little degree of pleasure, that we present the article and accompanying comments from two of our best known students of the science on this side, to our readers; and though some of our idols fall, and others be relegated to the back drawers of our cabinets, we shall continue "to hew to the line let the chips fall where they may," in our efforts to place these coin before our readers where they properly belong.

These listed coins should be placed under the ban, by every numismatist until their claims to respectability is thoroughly established. Until this time if they must be bought and sold, let it be done for what they are, and not for what they pretend to be. We would that every proscribed coin could pass the ordeal, and the columns of this journal are ever open to any of their defenders.

With such a vast field of research, from the dawn of history down through 2600 years, illustrated with the millions of the products of the dies, there is absolutely no excuse in this day for the making of coin *for collectors only*, and the sooner the matter is settled, the better it will be for all concerned.

G. F. H.

Apocryphal Coins.

Amongst the coins which are offered for sale in the lists of even the most respectable dealers there are some of which the collector should be very dubious; many of them, if not all, being simply struck for sale. The want of authentic information about these may mislead many, especially young collectors, and I therefore wish to call attention to these in the pages of THE NUMISMATIST; trusting that if I have excluded or included any which I should not, some other correspondent will correct. It will be noticed that the year 1890 was very prolific of these questionable coins, and that they are almost all of the ordinary penny (English) or 10 centime size.

Andorra,	10 centimes	1873.
Araucania,	2 centavos	1872.
Bolivar,	2 do	1890.
Boyaca,	2 do	1890.
Bulgaria,	10 stotinki	1879, '80, '87.
Campeche,	2 centavos,	1890.
Cape of Good Hope,	penny,	1889.
Cauca,	2 centavos,	1890.
Coahuila,	2 do	1890.
Cudinamarca,	2 do	1890.
Griquatown,	penny,	1890.
Liberia,	1 & 2 cents,	1890.
Luxemburg,	10 centimes,	1889.
Madagascar,	10 do	1883.
Magdalena,	2 centavos,	1890.
Mexico,	2 do	1890.
North Mexico,	2 do	1890.
Nuevo Leon,	2 do	1890.
Orange Free State,	penny,	1888. (2)
Porto Rico,	2 centavos,	1890.
Puebla,	2 do	1890.
Queretaro,	2 do	1890.
San Louis Potosi,	2 centavos,	1890.

Santander,	2 centavos,	1890.
South Africa,	penny,	1874, '80,
Tlaxcala,	2 centavos,	1890.
Tolima,	2 do	1890.

D. F. H.

Comments.

I think that most of the coins or tokens in above list are essays, which may or may not have been authorized by the countries for which they appear to have been struck. This is a point which dealers and collectors on this side of the Atlantic cannot elucidate, and which must be referred to the more experienced English, German and French authorities.

Some of the issues mentioned like the Andorra, Araucania and Bulgaria, have been in the market for years and used to fetch very high prices; others are entirely unknown to me. I would suggest adding to this list Congo, Cyprus, Jersey, and Jubilee ¼ farthings, of which issues certain English dealers can always find supplies, if prices asked are offered. If Mr. D F. H., will direct his investigation nearer at home, say in the neighborhood of Birmingham, he will probably be able to furnish us with much interesting and valuable information. EL. F.

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Dear Sir:–

Your letter of 30th *ult.* with enclosure, was duly received. I was very glad to see that Mr. Howorth, who is well known to me, and has been for years, and whom I recognize as an authority, has taken the initiative in exposing the frauds enumerated in his communication.

I have long been satisfied that they are clearly impositions– manufactured to *sell.* They are fairly executed, and no suspicion arose regarding them until a large family came in. Then, naturally, a closer examination of their character and workmanship followed. They are distinctive in both and in these two respects are unlike any legitimate coinage. It

is noticeable that they purport to belong principally to obscure and unimportant countries where detection would be comparatively difficult. Any attempt to issue such pieces elsewhere would contravene the coinage laws and involve penalties.

The entire list given by Mr. Howorth may, in my opinion, be pronounced a "*sham*" and I heartily agree with him in classing them as "apochryphal," and echo his words of warning against them. The Araucania & Patagonia piece bears date 1874 and appears about the same time, probably as the Andorra (1878).

The few we have published will be withdrawn from our lists and catalogues. You are at liberty to make such use of the statements above as you may think proper.

New York City, June 10th. LYMAN H. LOW.

The American Numismatic & Archæological Society.

A Regular Meeting of the Society was held at the Academy of Medicine Building, 19 West 43d street on May 15th 1892, at 8-30 P. M. President Parrish presiding.

The Executive Committee reported that the proposition for Resident Membership of Louis Meredith Howland and for Corresponding Membership of Rev. Wm King Eddy of Sidon Syria, and Charles H. Huberich of San Antonio Texas have been received and approved. The Committee was authorized to solicit subscriptions for $500.- to cover the expenses of printing the Annual Proceedings and papers read before the Society to date together with history of the Society, Roll of members, etc; also to cover the expenses of removal to our new quarters in Academy of Medicine Building, fittings etc.

Mr. A. C. Zabriskie, as Chairman of the Building, reported that he felt much good had been accomplished, for, through the Committees endeavor the Society had changed from its former uncomfortable quarters, to new and permanent ones which were all that could be desired, and in which

we held our first regular meeting to night.

The Publication Committee reported that they were going ahead with the printing of proceedings and would hope to place same in the hands of members before the next regular meeting.

The Librarian reported additions of 5 bound volumes, and 26 pamphlets. The books were gifts of Smithsonian Institution, Charles H. Huberich, H. R. Drowne, L. H. Low, and B. L. Belden.

The Curator of Numismatics reported two very important donations; a collection of some two or three hundred tokens of Holland, comprising quite a collection of these pieces from Daniel Parrish Jr. also from our former Treasurer, Mr. Benjamin Betts, a large iron safe especially arranged for the storage of our most valuable coins and medals. On motion the Society tendered Mr. Betts a special vote of thanks for his useful and valuable gift.

The Curator of Archæology requested an allotment of space in which to exhibit our archæological specimens, and hoped it would lead to additions to that department.

Mr. D. Z. Noorian, an Armenian who acted as interpreter to the Catherine Lorillard Wolfe and University of Pennsylvania expeditions to explore the region around Babylonia, was introduced to the Society. A letter of good wishes was read from Corresponding Member, J. A. Bolen of Springfield Mass.

On motion adjourned.

H. Russell Drowne, Secretary.

It is a mistaken idea possessed by very many erudite individuals that the study of Numismatics is a pastime; on the contrary I have no hesitation in defining it as a science, since it possesses all the characteristics necessary for the proper application of the term.

Frank H. Norton.

The Numismatic Skeleton.

Way back amid my boyhood days
I caught the numismatic craze
Seeking at every shop,
And when I, eager yet afraid,
Two dollars for an old one paid
I dare not tell my 'pop.'

Then I became a family man,
But still to coins my surplus ran,
The pastime of my life;
And when, to buy an 1802
Half dime, I fifty dollars drew,
I dare not tell my wife.

To day as coins and years combine,
I'm in 'advanced collectors' line
With many treasures won;
But when I think that I have spent
An hundred dollars for a cent
I dare not tell my son.

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It is a trite, but by no means a worn out idea, that a coin, could it speak, would be able to relate a stranger story than any other article to which imagination might give a voice. Such a thought can never be worn out, for it is inexhaustible in its richness. Human fancy fails utterly to trace the possible adventures of a copper that was coined even last year; and for every month that a coin has been in circulation a life time must needs be added to the years that would be required to sum up the incidents in which one can conjecture that coin as an actor. PRIME.

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Where is the Captain and crew?

What has become of *Plain Talk?*

Brother, take that needed vacation at Niagara Falls.

When is the Convention to be held? We would suggest August 16–17th next. This will accommodate any who may wish to attend the meetings of the A. P. A. & C. P. A.

We hold the application and fee of Walter McCall, of Simcoe Ontario.

Where was the A. N. A., when its Secretary crossed the pond and its "official light" went out?

Voting and proxy blank forms will be distributed to all members with our August issue. In the mean time send in your nominations for elective officers for immediate publication. Make no mistake in this matter.

Messrs Rode, Jones, Harlowe, Hooper, Heckelman and Heath, have signified their intention of attending the Convention. It is important that we have the names of any others who may attend and will receive proxies.

With *Plain Talk* out of the field, THE NUMISMATIST takes up the fallen mantle of official organ, and hopes to wear it with becoming grace and dignity.

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It has been only a question of time when THE NUMISMATIST would be compelled, by universal demand to allow itself to become the official organ of the American Numismatic Association. The pressure of necessity has now, prematurely, forced the honor upon us, and yielding loyally to this demand, we place at the disposal of the Association, such space in these columns as they can profitably utilize.

To accommodate ourselves to this new order of things, the Com. on Official Organ will require the hearty cooperation of the Official Board, and active support of every member of the organization.

No change will be made in the characteristics of this journal. Its editor and publisher will still continue to give you a live and popular paper at a minimum price.

We ask you to look over this number of our journal carefully, and then tell us what is the matter with THE NUMISMATIST? Why it does not deserve the support of every collector of coins, whether as a hobby, pastime or science, and deserving it, why it dont get it? These are questions that concern collectors and dealers fully as much as your editor and publisher.

In the lexicon of the true numismatist, there are no such terms as "hot" or "dull" seasons; his enthusiam is perennial.

OUR NUMISMATIC DIRECTORY

This list began in Vol. 3. No. 1. No names are inserted but once.

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CHARLES TAYLOR TATMAN.

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The Old Lady we Know.

One day I was studying coins in a shop
Where the good natured butcher my interest knew:
When an old lady passing out happened to stop,
Remarking "her grandfather left her a few."

I never dropped money so quickly before,
To talk to a woman of any degree.
I picked up her bundle and opened the door
And said,– as she limped,– she must lean upon me.

Of course "I was glad to be going her way,"
More purchases made I was eager to take,
And, when she was weary, I hastened to pay
For a lunch, and a nosegay, and a cab for her sake.

She thought she had never met one so polite,
When we stopped at her cottage, and hoped I would call
Next month, as at present she could not invite
Her friends, for some painters were doing the hall.

I said that old people were always my joy,
Since being of grandparents early bereft,
And I longed to know more of her middle-aged boy,
And her grandfather's life, –and the coins he had left.

She believed that a '94 Dollar was there
A '96 Half and a '99 Cent
And asked if such pieces, uninjured, were rare?
I said I was sure they had often been spent

But they might come in somewhere, or do for a trade
Carelessly hinted, and hoped none would see
Or hear of them, –kindly the old lady made
This promise, –until she could show them to me.

Then in my depravity, all of that night
I pictured these gems in my study beneath,
All snug in the fireproof and, at the sight,
How Johnson and Jones would be gnashing their teeth.

The next month I called without fail on the first,
But much to my sorrow the lady was out,
And the day after that, but a gas pipe had burst
And a week further on she was down with the gout.

At length when I found her, she said with a tear
The coins were too sacred.– 'Was I in the lurch?'
Ah not if I knew it, I made them appear
By giving a 'Ten' for the debt of her church.

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The hoped '94' was a poor '99,
The '99' Cent was a fair '94,
The Half was a Quarter, but nothing to mine
And the rest,– if a pedlar's I'd show him the door.

When gently I gave the old lady the name
Of both Johnson and Jones as the men who should see
Her treasures, she said their advice was the same
Last year, when they both were conversing of me.

A. G. H.

Echoes from a Coin Dealers Sanctum.

Mr. Henry Ahlborn, one of the oldest coin dealers in Boston, is about as keen a man for a bargain as one can find. He tells how one summer day, trade being unusually dull in store, he started on a pick up trip along the north shore, going through the old towns of Salem, Marblehead, Hamilton and Essex. He stopped in all the country stores, and talked with many an old farmer always with a view of finding some rare old coin. He at last, heard of an old lady who had in her possession a number of fine old cents and silver coins.

Mr. Ahlborn paid her generous prices for the cents and

some silver and was about to go away when the old lady said that she had another piece, that was a gift from her father, and was made in the year he was born, but that she would not part with it for anything. He asked to see it and she brought out the finest 1796 half-dollar he had ever seen..

His eyes snapped, and he immediately considered how he could get possession of that half-dollar.

A lucky idea struck him, he bethought himself of a fine 1796 dollar he had bagged that morning and taking it out he offered to exchange it with the lady for her half-dollar making prominent the fact that this was a whole dollar, while hers was only a half-dollar besides it bore the same date and was equally as good. Convinced by this reasoning, she readily made the exchange and Mr. A. went on his way satisfied with his days work.

He afterwords sold it to Mr. Parmalee for $150,00 and I think he holds it to day for $350,00. It bears but very slight traces of circulation.

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Mr. Wm. E. Woodward related, how at one time, he bought a roll of 50 half-dimes, which was one of the wedding presents of an old lady 90 years of age. They were all dated before 1800 and were as bright and sharp as if just coined.

The old lady had laid them away and never disturbed them. The idea of contributing to an old ladies Home, induced her to part with them. Mr. Woodward realized as high as $100. for some of them. H. E. M.

If you wish to learn the particulars in detail of any coin just make a specialty of it for a time, and you will find much that is new and entertaining; gather every specimen possible that comes to your notice. Select something that is not positively common, for this yields the best results, be less cumbersome and perhaps require a smaller outlay. L. H. Low.

The collecting of coins is just what you yourself make of it; a science, pastime or a hobby.

Cleopatra and Antony.

Coin of Cleopatra and Antony, (30 B. C.)

To coins, and them almost entirely, are we indebted for portraits of these celebrated personages of history, romance, song and story. Their most authentic portraits are probably found on an ancient coin in the British Museum and is illustrated above.

Cleopatra was the last of a marvellous line, the Ptolemies of Egypt, and though dead upwards of 20 centuries, the story of her life moves the hearts and minds of the people and the glamour of whose romance still enthralls us because hers was a story of the heart; a sad story, as many of them are; full of pathos, tenderness and devotion, which always strongly appeals to the human heart for sympathy and never in vain.

The coin tells us that she was no beauty. Horace and Virgil knew her in their mature years, and they did not call her beautiful. Propertius, the toy of Octavius Cæsar, defamed her to please his master and advance his political ends. Cicero knew her to detest her, for what? Because she failed to send him some promised manuscripts for his library.

Plutarch calls her the Helen of the Nile, and Shakespeare, who had probably seen the coin, never intimates that she was a beauty, and the readers of The Numismatist will fail to find the expected classical Greek mold of features, but rather those of the original Becky Sharp.

Where then lay the secret of her power? She was a born coquette. Her beauty must have been of form rather than of feature. When Egypt was at the zenith of her power and greatness, and led the world in civilization, Cleopatra was her queen. She was acquainted above them all in the arts and sciences, was an accomplished musician and spoke eight or ten languages.

Alexandria was the centre of refinement and culture, uniting with it the seductions of pleasure, which like the age was primitive and often lawless. Here the last of the Greek dynasty in Egypt ruled and here the kings and rulers of the world met to do homage to her queen, and here Antony, the loving friend of Julius Cæsar, who pronounced the oration over his dead body, the grand and beautiful in person, the brave soldier, the ruler over half the world; fell a victim of her enchantments and gave up all for her.

It is a sad story; this story of the ending of the loves of this royal pair in that regal age, and another will tell it for us. The battle of Actium has been fought and Antony defeated.

"It was the 10th day of September, 38 B. C. that the event took place that decided the fate of Antony and Cleopatra. History presents no sadder picture than that of Antony now. Yesterday master of half the world, king over all the kings of Asia—today vanquished, forsaken by his friends, deserted by his warriors, jealous as death of the one whom he loved with such frantic devotion; at last he can live no longer away from her, he goes to her and is again in heaven. The festive board is spread anew. Both knew that these were their last days, that the divinity to which they now consecrated themselves was death Their friends knew it too, and never in the days of their supremest power, did more elegance, more refinement preside at the feast than when the shadow of the grave sat down and rose up by their side. Those were strange, sad days. In the temple of Isis adjoining the royal citadel, was a vast, fortified, impregnable

mausoleum, this fortress, which entered at the top, and whose iron doors once barred could be opened no more, the queen had chosen for her final refuge when the last moment should come. These catacombs were plastered with the most inflammable grass, and amply provided with wood saturated with pitch: a woman could defy the master of the world.

She had collected here all her jewels, ingots, coins, heaps of pearls and precious stones, perfumes and treasures worth a nation's ransom. Both husband and wife were determined to die. Cleopatra could not decide as to the means—what death was attractive enough to satisfy Cleopatra's æsthetic tastes. We shudder at the nerve which enables Cleopatra to sit down with death at her side and calmly finish her breakfast. At last she applies the asp to her bosom; yes, twice for fear the first should not do the work. Surely in this woman who could thus love and thus calmly die, there must have been more than common greatness.

Our War Tokens. Do We Neglect Them?

One series of the coins of this country we rarely see displayed in even our larger collections, and their absence has always been a source of wonder to us.

We refer to the so called "war tokens" of 1861–1865. Surely they are not without artistic beauty; their numbers are sufficient to form quite a collection in themselves, and besides they are cheap. Thus three of the most insurmountable barriers are removed. Now, as an interested party, and not as a mere interrogator, do we ask, why are not these pieces given more attention by collectors?

They mark an epoch in our history fraught with national peril, national sorrow and fierce destruction. Their usefulness in time of trouble should give them a warm place in our affections. During the civil war, if one branch suffered more than another, that branch was our National Treasury

and we feel that anything which served to buoy it up, that tended to aid in maintaining the confidence of the people, should not be forgotten by numismatists.

As souvenirs of Lincoln and his time, what better could illustrate the attitude of the administration or the seriousness of affairs. Of late there has been a reaction in the collecting of the paper bonds, state notes and government issues of the Confederate States of America, and fabulous prices have been paid for the rarities and high values, and while not seeking to discourage this branch, —for they too, mark an epoch—still we prefer to keep our record on metal, rather than paper. In our cabinet a new drawer has been decorated and designed. The brightest colored and softest plush, serve as cushions for my treasures to rest upon. Tokens after tokens; some bright, others begrimed and worn with usage in their country's service; the pride of their owner, the cream of the collection, faithful historians of the past. Shall we then collect them? Shall we give honor where honor is due?

We hope a reaction will take place in their favor among our patriotic collectors, and that an increased interest will be shown in the collecting of these "war tokens." And taking one last look at the drawer of tokens, as we replace it in our cabinet, we wonder why they should need argument of ours, they almost speak for themselves.

ROY F. GREENE.

A large gold brick was lately sent from a mine in Arizona to the San Francisco Mint. It was conical in shape, and was the result of a 40 days run. It weighed 357½ pounds avoirdupois and was valued at $120,000. Helena, Montana however, goes her one better in a brick containing $150,000. worth of pure gold.

General Nelson A. Miles, has just been presented by the War Department, a medal for bravery on the field of Chancellorsville in 1863.

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The Convention.

It is a matter of regret to us that we can give no further or definite information in regards our Convention. As far as we know the date, August 16-17, suggested in our last issue, stands; and whether there be present, two, ten or twenty, the convention will be held. It is hoped that every member will be represented in person or by proxy. The vote will be declared about Sept. 1st, but put your vote in early. They may be sent in with your proxy if before August 15th, after this date to John F. Jones, Jamestown N. Y., the Secretary of the Board of Trustees. The following have announced that they would receive proxies. Geo, W. Rode, Hazelwood Ave. Pittsburg Pa ; John F, Jones, Jamestown N.Y.; Geo. F. Heath, Monroe Mich.; W. C. Stone, Springfield Mass. Mail addressed to them care Cataract House, Niagara Falls N. Y. will reach them August 15–17.

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The following, to our knowledge, are on the "anxious seat," desiring to join the majority. If any of ye faithful and elect know of any good reason why this consummation should not be made, speak *now*, or hereafter hold thy peace.

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Librarian Chapman is enjoying the salt water breezes at Kennebunkport Maine.

Every member should show his interest in the Association by voting. Attend to it at once.

The Official Board could not agree on an appointment for Secretary *pro-tem*; that, and Official Organ matter will now be soon settled by vote of the Association.

Trask's *Coin Collector's Journal* is on the up grade.

We are pleased to announce that the Hooper Sale was a marked success.

Treasurer Harlowe and family, are visiting old and familiar scenes up in New Brunswick. The treasurers office is thus temporarily closed.

Our camera will next be turned in the direction of Cape Cod, and we expect to bring down Mr. H. E. Morey.

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Numismatic Biography.

HERBERT E. MOREY was born in the city of Malden Mass., April 21st 1848. He early developed a strong passion for collecting, competing at school with his comrades in the collecting of postage stamps coins, etc, and the facility with which he could scent a rare cent in its lair, made him the envy of his brother collectors and gained him the respect of those veterans in the science, whose habitat has been Boston and its environs.

Whenever he made trips abroad, or to celebrated places it was always his desire to bring away some memento, and that his desire was fully gratified, a glance at the contents of his father's attic would overwhelmingly prove.

Graduating from the Malden High School in 1866, he entered the class succeeding the pioneer class of the Massachusetts Agricultural College in 1869. Always prominent in athletic sports, he flourished as pitcher of the College Base Ball Club, always supplying the latest style of curves to his opponents.

At college his interest in collecting broadened and his herbarium numbered 481 different specimens of wild flowers collected in and about Amherst Mass. and was the second largest collected by his classmates. His collections of minerals and ores contained several hundred specimens and was not excelled. In entomology and echoes, his collections were not so large, although he sent home between two and three hundred excellent specimens of beetles, butterflies and moths all correctly named; these latter are all dead now, but the 'echoes' can still be awakened up in the old attic.

Graduating from college in 1872, he entered a mercantile life and succeeded his father in business in 1880.

In 1875–6 realizing the dangers that beset those who aspire to office, he became interested in his Genealogical tree and collected over 1000 names of the Morey family, which he united and formed into a Morey tree, tracing his lineage back to Plymouth Mass., to one George Morey who came over in the "Freelove" in 1640. While he discovered nothing decidedly bad in this line of investigation, it is a fact that he has never sought official life.

During all these years his interest in numismatics had not diminished, though he was not what was termed an active buyer, yet saved whatever coins that came in his way until his collection numbered some 5000 varieties. In 1890 he bought out the old stand of Henry Ahlborn and made a business of what formerly had been a pleasure.

Cast Iron Coins.

From no section of our globe has money been made of so many different substances as we find in use in Eastern Asia.

Gold; in China, Japan, Annam and Siam.

Silver; in China, Japan, Annam, Siam and Corea.

Copper; in China, Japan, Java, Borneo and Siam.

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Brass: in China and Annam.

Copper, (white); China.

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Lead; Japan and Annam.

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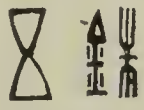
1st. CHINA.

The emperor Ling te (A. D. 168–189) of the Eastern *Han* Dynasty, made Woo Choo, (Five Choo) coins, with four outlets, in both brass and iron.

This money had on the reverse four ways or diverging points, the covert meaning of which, according to the saying of those who know it, was that whenever extravagance and oppression were too heavy, the figure of those coins would be a prognostic sign, meaning that this money would have four means of escape, and as the revolution broke out in the Capital, this money did indeed stream out and diffu over the whole empire.

Woo Choo; of the period Chung ping.

Obv.  Woo Choo (5 choo)

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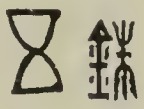
Emperor Woo te, (496–543 A. D.) of the *Leang* dyna ty. Woo Choo, (Five Choo).

Obv.  Woo Choo.

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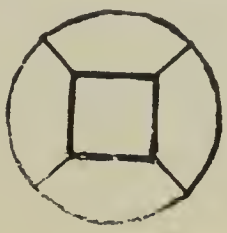

One other specimen has two additional characters, Ta fung, the name of the period. The circulating mass of these iron coins was enormous, 'big like a mountain.'

From the Kingdom Min, about 900 A. D., there are two varieties

Emperor Tae tsoo, 950-967 A. D., of the *Sung* dynasty made iron tsien with the legend, 宋元通寶 "Sung's first currency."

These iron coins were in common use during the whole dynasty in many varieties of inscriptions and denominations. Both of the later dynasties of *Hia* and *Ming* also had iron tsien in general circulation.

Under the period Hsien feng, 1851-1861, of the *Mantchu* dynasty, iron coins were issued from seven cities in values of five and ten tsien, and these coins were in use up to 1857

2d. ANNAM.

In this country we have but one issue of iron money, that of the rebel Mac dang dung, in 1528.

3d. JAPAN.

Since 1768 iron coins have been issued in the various cities of this empire, up to the time their modern coins were struck. The value of these old coins have been fixed by the government as follows: 1 San equals 60 Shi mon Sen, or 120 small Kwan ei tsu ho.

J. A. BRUDIN.

When the Romans manumitted a slave his head was adorned with a small red cloth cap. As soon as this was done he was known as a *libertinus* or freedman, and his name was registered among others of the cities tribes, In the year 263, when Saturninus invaded the capital, he hoisted a cap on the point of his spear, to indicate that all slaves who rallied around his standard should be free. This was the origin of the "liberty cap," still used in art as a symbol.

JOS. HOOPER.

Coins for Collectors Only.

This matter remains much as we left it in our July issue. No defence has appeared for the coins in question, and none is expected. From Mr. Howorth the following communication has been received.

"In response to Mr. Frossard's comments on my paragraph concerning 'Apochryphal coins', may I point out that the issues for the Congo Free State, Cyprus and Jersey are genuine coins, as shown by the 'Report of the Deputy-master of the Mint,' (a little annual publication which deserves the careful attention of all interested in modern numismatics) however easily obtainable they may be. The Jubilee half-farthing is simply a toy. I believe the majority of the 'apochryples' are the work of continental speculators rather than of Birmingham medalists, and in this opinion I am confirmed by numismatists both in England and France. Birmingham is rather credited (or debited) with the fabrication of pseudo-antique coins, than the manufacture of such as I have tabulated."

Many other communications of similar import to the above, which fully satisfies THE NUMISMATIST as to the authority or legality of the late issues of the Congo Free State Jersey or Cyprus, have been received. Mr. Low in a communication suggests that the last ⅓d farthing, date 1885, was coined for Malta.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

The adjourned Convention has been called to meet on Saturday, October First, in Pittsburg Pa. The local members request as many from outside to attend as possible and they will try and make it pleasant and profitable for them. *Dont fail to be represented in person or by proxy there.*

Any further information, regarding place of meeting, etc, may be obtained of any of the following local members:

No. 12 Geo, W. Rode, 49 Fifth Ave.; No. 44 Charles W. Kirk, Porter street; No. 51 Henry Mc Knight, 66 Third Ave.; No. 75 W. S. Coe, 595 Webster Ave.; No. 81 T. W. Voetter, 318 Denniston Avenue.

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Official Reports.

To the Members of the American Numismatic Association.

Your Committee on Official Organ would respectfully make the following report.

That they made arrangements with *Plain Talk* and the *Numismatist* for subscriptions for the members of our Association at one price, or twenty-five cents per annum, for each paper, the former to be the official journal. Both papers having about fulfilled their obligations to the Association in perhaps as satisfactory a manner as could be expected, your committee would recommend a settlement with them based upon the contract entered into.

Your committee have asked an expression from all the members of this body as to the matter of official organ for the coming official year, and it is hoped that a full and free expression will be made, that the work of your coming committee may be simplified, your wishes carried out as far as it is possible, and the best interests of our Association served.

Your committee would further recommend, that, the Treasurer be instructed to notify the Chairman of this committee when any member is entitled to the official journal by reason of payment of dues; also when to stop the same by reason of death, resignation, suspension or dismissal.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Geo. F. Heath.
Charles T. Tatman. } *Committee.*
F. J. Grenny.

TREASURERS REPORT.

To the President and Members of the American Numismatic Association. Gentlemen:

I beg to submit statement of receipts and expenditures since the organization of our Association. The amounts received from members are as follows:–

For Initiation Fees.	$12,00	
For Dues.	$92,50	
		$104,50
Expended, as per Vouchers, herewith,	$48,24	
Balance in hands of the Treasurer.		$56,26
There is still due from Members. Initiation Fee.		$0,50
For Dues,		$11,50
Total Indebtedness to the Association,	$12,00	

The Members in arrears for dues are, Nos. 57, 69. 74, 80, 81, 84, 91. 95, 96, 98, 102, 111, 112, 114, 115 and 117.

Members numbered from 108 joined the Association this month and cannot be looked upon as delinquents. With the exception of Nos. 84, 96, 102, (whose remittance is certain), I would suggest that the delinquent members prior to 108 be dropped, as they have received two or three requests for payment. Respectfully submitted.

David Harlowe, Treasurer.

Milwaukee Wis. August 9th 1892.

REPORT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

To the President and Members of the Association.–

This Board organized in due form by electing a Chairman and Secretary. The work done by us has been very light, the only duties falling to us this first official year, being the acceptance of the bond of the Exchange Superintendent and

the calling for the nomination for officers, in *Plain Talk* and the *Numismatist*, as provided in our Constitution and By-Laws. Respectfully submitted by the Board.

J. A. Heckelman, Chairman.

John F, Jones, Secretary,

W. K. Hall; C. W. Stutesman; H. E. Deats. *Com.*

The Convention.

The Convention at the Falls didn't occur. From the unanimous vote for this place, its reputation as a resort, and the comparatively close proximity thereto of many of our members, it was expected that a general exodus would turn thitherward in August. That they did not is no argument against the convention system, but rather an incentive for greater effort in that direction in the future.

The following faithful were on hand, Messrs., Grenny, Stone, Rode, Deats and Mott, to respond in person and many were represented by proxy. The Convention was called to order and adjourned to meet at the call of the President.

At this date (Sept, 1st) indications are that the Convention will be called to meet in Pittsburg Pa., at an early date, and this issue will be delayed in hopes to announce the date.

What They are Thinking About.

No. 6 Let every member use all the power they have to at least secure five new members within the next year.

No. 14 The Association has my best wishes for its development and success; among its members are many very intelligent progressive men; the only drawback I can see is the inability to meet and exchange views etc. on account of the immense distances which separate members.

No. 47 I think something should be done to those members who have not, and seemingly will not, pay their dues. We do not want that kind of members, and it is an injustice to those who do pay. I am in favor of a Certificate of Membership, an Association Medal, and a Membership Badge.

No. 5 I would suggest that officers be asked to make monthly or quarterly reports through the official journal. The Officers, or Secretary and Treasurer, should receive a copy of the journal for their official use. I have to cut mine up and ought to have an extra copy.

No. 25 I think there should be some way to get even with that class of collectors who defraud on sales. The Association should know them. I move that a vote of thanks be tendered Mr. Tatman in acknowledgement of the efficient services he has rendered the Association.

No. 9 Some of our members are anxious to know if club or reduced rates cannot be obtained them for the *Am. Jour, of Numismatics?*

To all of which, THE NUMISMATIST would say AMEN!

New Members.

118 Edward Heusinger, San Antonio Texas.
119 August Lehmann, Jr., 188 Tyler St Paterson N. J.
120 W. S. Hurst, Aurora Mills Oregon.
121 E. B. Waite, Box 175 West Newton Mass.
122 Thomas Hy Roberts, Weston Ont.

Application for Membership.

J. D. B. F. Mc Kenzie, New Brunswick.

Vouchers; C. W. Price; Geo. F. Heath,

Wayside Notes.

O. W. Page, Box 296 Waltham Mass.
This is the name and address of President Jerrems appointment for Secretary *Pro Tempore*, and very liable to be your Secretary *in facto*. SHAKE!

Have all voted? If not, send in your vote to the Secretary at once. Voting blanks furnished by him on request.

Up with the anchor, another years voyage lies before us. Let there be no desertions. Stand by the colors!

Mr. Geo, W. Rode spent a brief season among the Muskoka Lakes in Her Majesty's Dominion,

This is the era of fads. The fad is to have a fad. The worst fad of all the fads, is the fad of not having a fad to fad.

Every indication points to the amendment carrying, If it does, we predict our Exchange Superintendant will earn his princely salary this year.

I have been a numismatist for the past 17 years and I must say that I am charmed with your little periodical.
G. Cyrus Adams, Montreal.

John F. Jones is a member of the N. G., S. N. Y., one of the crack military companies of the state, and was on duty at Buffalo during the late strike.

The report of the Treasurer can but prove gratifying to every friend of the Association. But why some of our number are delinquent passeth our understanding.

We have, at the disposal of the Association, about a hundred pieces of numismatic literature, sale catalogues, etc, the gift of Pres. Jerrems and THE NUMISMATIST.

When I rise up in the morn and find
Open, my cabinet safe door.
I know the "devil has been to 'pay',"
A little while before.

Dr. J. B. Breeding (No. 40) San Antonio Texas is associated with his father as proprietors of the "Texas Plastic Chalk Co," a new and easy process of making illustrations. He is now in the North establishing agencies.

Vice President Hooper has been skirmishing so much over this country of late that we rather suspect his intentions of becoming a Yankee citizen. The balance of his collection consisting of U. S. Cents, Greek & Roman Coins, Numismatic Literature, Paper Money, etc. is in the hands of Mr. Frossard and will form Part II of the Hooper Sales. This will be sold about Sept 25th. Catalogues obtained free of Mr. Frossard.

OUR NUMISMATIC DIRECTORY

This list began in Vol. 3. No. 1. No names are inserted but once.

There are no doubt many in these lists who would be pleased to make exchange of duplicates. The brotherhood is a courteous one, and a courteous letter will receive a like reply.

List No. 20.

638 Alford, Leon P., Plainville Conn.
9 Allwood, W E., 136 Cross St Lowell Mass.
640 Bacon, F W., Box 46 Fort Jefferson O.
1 Blum, Simon, Cold Springs Minn.
2 Brinning, J F., 485 N. 2d St Brooklyn N Y.
3 Cooper, C E, Red Bank N J.
4 Durr, L G., 99 Broad St Nashville Tenn.
5 Greasby, Albert, Box 273 Oskaloosa Iowa.
6 Green, Henry G., Marengo Ind,
7 King, Brice J., Centralia Kansas.
8 Lehmann Jr, August, 188 Tyler St Paterson N J.
9 Lyman, R B., Box 170 Lowell Mass.
650 MacLaren, J., St Johns New Brunswick
1 Mc Evoy, P J., Newcastle " "
2 Mosser, O N., Viola Tenn.
3 Noyes, Howe &, 53 Hancock St Boston Mass.
4 Oberholtzer, E T., Hatfield Pa.
5 Oberhanser, Randolph, Peoria Ill.
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8 Parrish, Percival, Box 202 Newport R I.
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660 Phillips, W H., Brattleboro Vt.
1 Porter, E C., Warren O.
2 Powers, C E., 37 Main St. Webster Mass.
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6 Quinn, Eugene T., Catasaqua Pa.

667 Randall, Wm M. Belleville Mich.
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2 Robinson, Dr. E P., 102 Truro St Newport R I.

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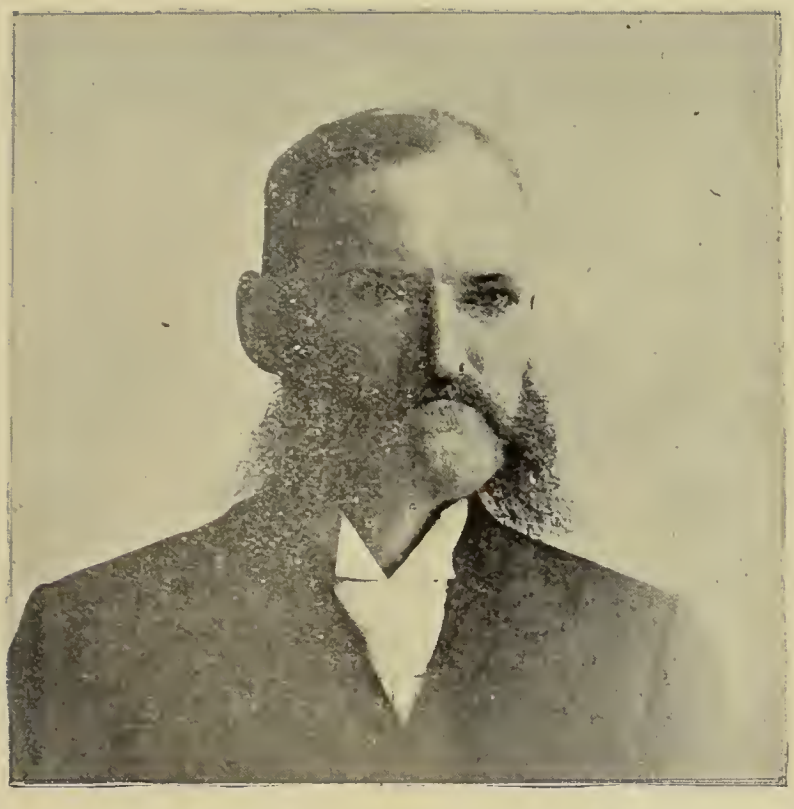

HERBERT E. MOREY.

September 1892.

The Proposed World's Fair Souvenir Half Dollar.

October 1892.

Table I. China,

n.	c.	M	n	c.	M
1	戶		16	陽	
2	工		17	西	
3			18	臨	
4	薊		19	東	
5	薊		20	河	
6	荆		21	陝	
7	雲		22	延	
8	云		23	華	
9	宣		24		
10	江		25	寧	
11	蘇		26	沔	
12			27	昌	
13	原		28	荆	
14			29	襄	
15	同		30		

The Mandchu Dynasty

n.	C.	M.	n.	T.	M.
31	南		46		
32			47		
33	忠		48		
34	川		49		
35	福		50		
36	漳		51		
37	臺		52		
38	廣		53		
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40	貴				
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The Coins of the Mantchu Dynasty of China.

THE MINTS, or explanation of TABLE I.

(A) CHINA PROPER.

I Province CHIH LI.

No. 1, Peking, the Board of Revenue. C. Hu (Hu pu) M. Chiowan.

No. 2. Peking, the Board of Public Works C. Kung (Kung pu). M. Yuwan.

No. 3. Pao ting fu. M. Chi.

Nos. 4, 5, 6. Chi chou fu, C. Chi; M. Ki.

Nos 7, 8. Mei yun fu. C. Yun.

No. 9. Hsuan fu. C. Hsuan; M. Sioan.

II Province KIANG SU.

No. 10. Kian nin fu (Nanking). C. Kian; M. Gyau.

No. 11. Su chou fu. C. Su; M. Su.

III Province GAN WUI. (HWUY)

No. 12. Gan king fu. M. An.

IV Province SHAN SI.

No. 13. Tai yuan fu. C. Yuan; M. Yuan.

No. 14. M. Chin.

No. 15. Ta tung. C. Tung; M. Tong,

No. 16 Yang ho. C, Yang.

No 17. C, Hsi; M, Si

V Province SHAN TUNG.

No 18. Lin tsing chou. C, Lin; M, Lin.

No 19. Tsi nan fu. C, Tung; M, Tung.

No 44. M, Tsi

VI Province HO NAN.

No 20. Kai feng fu. C, Ho; M, Ho.

VII Province SHEN SI.

No 21. Si an fu. C, Shen; M, Shan.

No 22. Yen sou. C, Yen.

VIII Province KAN SU.

No 23, Kung chang fu. C, Kung; M, Kung.

No 24. Ti hua chou (Urumtsi). M, Ti.

IX Province CHE KIANG.

No 25. Ning po fu. C, Ning; M, Ning.

No 26. Hang chou fu. C, Che; M, Che.

X Province KIANG SI.

No 27. Nan chang fu. M, Chang. (After 1723.)

XI Province HU PEI.

No 28. King chou. C, King.

No 29. Siang yang. C, Siang.

No 30. Wu chang fu. C, Chang; M, Chang. (No. 27. before 1722 M,U.)

XII Province HU NAN.

No 31, Chang cha fu. C, Nan; M, Nan.

No 32. Chang te fu. M, Che.

XIII Province SSU CHUAN. (OR KUANG SI.)

No, 33. Chung chou. C, Chung.

No 34. Ching tu fu. C, Chuan; M, Chuwan.

XIV Province FU KIEN.

Nos 35 & 45. Fu chou fu. C, Fu; M, Fu.

No 36. Chang chou fu. C, Chang; M, Chang.

No 37. Tai wan fu, (Formosa). C,Tai; M, Tai.

XV Province KUANG TUNG.

No 38. Kuang chou fu. C, Kuang; M, Kuwang.

XVI Province KUANG SI.

No 39. Kuei lin fu. C, Kuei; M, Kui.

XVII. Province YUN NAN.

No 7. Yun nan fu. C, Yun; M, Yon.

XVIII Province KUEI CHOU.

No 40 & 41. Kuei yang fu, (or Ta ting fu.) C, Kuei; M Kiyau.

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No 42. Doubtful? C, Woo.

No 43. C, An nan.

(B) SIN KEANG.

(*a*) DZUNGARIA. Thian shan pe lu.

No 46. I li; M, I.

(*b*) CHINESE TURKESTAN. Thian shan nan lu.

Nos 47, 48 & 49. Aksu (C, O, kih soo.) T, Aksu; M Aksu.

No 50. Ushi (C, Woo shi.) T, Ush; M, Ushi.

No 51 & 53. Yarkand (C, Ye urh keang.) T, Yarkand; M. Yerkiyang.

No 52. T, Yarkand; M, Yerkim.

No 54. Kashgar [C, Ki shih ko urh.] T, Kashgar; M, Kashgar

No 55. Khoten [C, Ho teen.] T, Khoten; M, Hotiyan.

No 56. Khoja? [C, Koo chay.] T, Khoja; M, Kugan.

J. A. BRUDIN.

FINIS.

Numismatic Foundation Stones.

EIGHTH PAPER.

RARE COINS in fine condition will always bring good prices, as shown by the priced catalogues of recurrent sales. The more advanced one is numismatology the keener becomes the desire to acquire the best possible specimens to be obtained. The interest in a collection in poor condition is not satisfying. Wealth and means, though giving advantages in procuring unique or rare specimens in the best state of preservation, cannot give the joy of the humbler collector of limited means, who plods his way with a determined and heroic zeal as he occasionally unearths a "gem of purest ray serene," it is as a meal to the hungry, a pleasure unknown and unappreciated by others.

Numismatics takes front rank in its clear tangible evidences of the worlds past history and progress.

"Ambition sighed she found it vain to trust
The faithless column, and the crumbling bust;

Huge moles that stretch from shore to shore;
Their ruins perished and their place no more!
Convinced she now contracts her vast design,
And all her triumphs shrink into A COIN."

Thus we are encouraged and rewarded by the way in constantly adding fresh evidences, putting in needed links one by one in the chain, necessary to complete the desired series. Great bargains are often obtained at auction sales, which to those able to invest, afford a rapid way of accumulation.

From the beginning an account Dr. and Cr. should be kept: giving cost of each piece, date of purchase, and where obtained; the latter often helping in a re-sale, especially if from a noted collection, affording, as it does additional guarantees as to authenticity. Too much care cannot be taken in the purchase of rare coins; dates are often altered, electrotype copies, ingenious counterfeits and fabrications made, so that the collector needs to be constantly on his guard.

Transactions for purchases should be strictly cash on delivery, and no returns accepted. The submission of a series on approval often leads to trouble and annoyance, for dishonest collectors will sometimes substitute inferior copies for those sent. If coins are to be sent in this way, there should be no offense if references as to integrity, etc, should be asked. Such information, in fact, should always accompany such requests if the applicant has not already established his reputation with the firm for honorable dealing.

True business numismatists will court inquiry, giving all the aid they can to insure confidence, which once gained should need no repetition. A character of perfect honor should be our aim. One of the leading lessons to be learned from our science is probity; to those who aim not that way its teachings are in vain.

An acquaintance with the history of a country whose coins we aim to collect, is invaluable in not only affording greater interest to research but increased pleasure as the historical gaps are filled in by representative coins. To such

come trooping up a large variety of historical reminiscences of past history.

Many and varied lines of collecting are presented to the numismatist, suitable to all tastes and capabilities, so that no matter how limited our means, with energy and zeal benefits can be obtained. The sparcity of collectors and the distance separating them, necesitates considerable correspondence, which should always be explicit. In transmitting coins by mail, care should be taken for security against loss, abrasion or injury, by registering and careful packing in cotton or tissue paper; small lots may be sent in linen lined envelopes, thereby giving greater security in transit. Letters of inquiry should always be accompanied by a stamped and addressed envelope. All letters should bear the address of the sender at the top of first page to save time in locating.

JOSEPH HOOPER.

Some Early British Coins.

IN THIS paper we propose to place before the readers of THE NUMISMATIST a few notes on the coinage of early Britain, from the earliest period down to the end of the Roman dominion. It is a common idea that, before the subjugation of our island by the conquerors of the civilized world, our ancestors were merely a race of woad stained savages; this is perhaps true of the inhabitants of the North, but not so of the more southern tribes, who had considerable intercourse with the Grecian, Phœnician, and especially Gaulish traders; this would of course civilize them in some measure, the contents of their tombs show us that they had already made great strides it it probably as early as 200 B. C. Now when men attain to such a state as this, they begin to feel the want of some other circulating medium than barter. It is probably from about this period that some rude *tin* coins date, these are rather rare. The next coins of

which we find any trace, are rough copies of Macedonian types, the head of Apollo on the Philips with the biga on the reverse; and the head of Hercules (or Alexander) on the Alexanders. Many coins resembling these are found in Jersey and France. The biga type of coins are found in comparatively large quantities, thush bearing the head of Alexander are rarer. These British coins are much thicker than their Greek prototypes.

Cæsar's mention of British coinage in 'De Bello Gallico,' is of rather doubtful import.

The earliest inscribed coins of this series were probably struck between the invasion of the island by Cæsar, and its entire conquest by Claudius. During this perion the Latin alphabet was adopted for the inscriptions, and the names of the princes were latinized; a great quantity of these coins are found.

No. 1, O. A horseman, EPPILLUS COMI. F. R. A winged victory.
2. O. TINC. CMOI F.
3, O. VIR COM F.

The above were struck in gold by Comius, a prince of the Atrebates.

No. 4. O. TIGIN. Gold; found in Yorkshire.
5. O. A cow; no inscription. R; VERLAMIO (St Albans.)
6, O. SEGO (Segonax.) R, TASCIOVAN FIL. (Son of Segonax.)
7. O. TASCIOVAN (King of St Albans.) Struck during the reign of Tiberius. Gold.
8. O. A horse, CUN (Cunobelin). R; An ear of wheat; CAMU (Camulodunum, now Colchester;) gold.
9. O. A bust wearing a helmet, CUNOBELINUS. R, TASCIOVANI F; above a wild boar.

Cunobelin (Cymbeline) was probably a son of Tasciovanus. The coins of this king are very numerous.

No. 10. O. BODVO. Found in both gold and silver.

British coins are found struck in gold, electrum, silver, copper and tin.

Coins of the Romans in Britain.

No. 11. O. TI CLAUD CÆSAR AUG. TR P VIII IMP XVII. Rev. DE BRITTANNI. Claudius; gold.

Antoninus Pius. A. D. 138-61

No. 12. Rev. DE BRIT. Flying Victory. Large brass.

No. 13. Rev. BRITTANNIA. Female seated. Large brass.

PHILIP WHITEWAY.

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AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION.

REPORT OF THE EXCHANGE SUPERINTENDENT.

W. G. Jerrems, Jr., President A. N. A.

Dear Sir:– In submitting the First Annual Report of the Exchange Department, I greatly regret I am compelled to admit that, practically, its operations have been a failure. Only nine members have applied for blank forms for furnishing the $200. guarantee required by By-Law IV f., and of these, only three were returned duly signed. I attribute the failure of our members to join the Department, principally to their aversion to requesting their friends to sign the guarantee, and trust the Convention will take some steps to modify this requirement and thus place the Department in a position to be of benefit to our members.

As it is very evident that the commission of 5 per-cent on sales, which is allowed the Superintendent, will not be sufficient to meet his expenses, I would recommend that the commission be increased to 10 per-cent.

The following members contributed coins for the circuit.

Viz.	Lots.	Priced at.	Sold: lots,	Sold: value.	Per cent sold.
W G. Jerrems, Jr.	114	$60,56.	53	$30,71.	50
M. Steffan,	613	135,06.	61	9,98.	7½
O. W. Page,	45	51,90.	3	1,35.	2⅔
F. R. Kimball,	49	33,50.	12	10,45	31
Geo. W. Rode.	89	19,98	43	8,32.	41⅜
Total.	910	301,00	172	60,81.	

The expenses have been:		
For Books and Stationery,	$5,32	
For Rubber Stamp,	,60	
For Printing Blanks,	13,00	
For 2M Coin Envelopes,	3,50	
For Postage,	2,59	
For Expressage,	5,90	$30,91
The Receipts were:		
From D. Harlowe, Treasurer,	$22,42	
From Sale of Envelopes,	2,40	
From 5 per-cent commission on sales,	3,07	
Advanced by the Superintendent,	3,02	$30,91.
The operating expenses were:		
For Postage, $2,59; Expressage, $5,90.		$8,49
Deducting commission, 3,07; leaves deficit of		$5,42

With the exception of the balance advanced by the Superintendent, all the indebtedness of the Department has been paid. Owing to the delay incidental to getting the department in working order and the time consumed in obtaining the approval of the official board of the additional rules and its authority to procure the necessary books and supplies, (about ten weeks) the Department was not ready for operations until about February 20th, so that the above report is actually for six months only.

Respectfully submitted,

Geo. W. Rode, Sup't, of Exchange.

Pittsburg Pa., Aug. 8th. 1892.

New Member.

123 J. D. B. F. McKenzie, New Brunswick.

Application.

Morgan H. Stafford, Marquette Mich.

Vouchers: Geo. F. Heath; W. J. Luck.

Now is the time to increase our membership. The benefits are so apparent, that but little persuasion is needed.

Director Leech, of The Mint, is the youngest man who ever held that office.

Mr. Hooper calls attention to the fact that there are two varieties of the Canada cent for 1891, a large and small date.

Col. Elliot O. Shepard, the well known New York news paper man, has bought ten thousand of the souvenir coins, paying ten thousand dollars for them.

I think your Numismatic Headlight feature a good one. Collectors like to see how men they read about, and deal with look. Luther B. Tuthill, South Creek N. C.

A train consisting of one private car, one mail car and three cars, containing twenty million dollars in gold, under protection of guards and trainmen, lately passed from San-Francisco to Washington. The money was for the Treasury. The journey took just 110 hours and 50 minutes. Forty millions more will follow when needed.

The Chinese paper money is in red, white and yellow paper, with gilt lettering and gorgeous little hand-drawn devices. The bills, to the ordinary financier, might pass for washing bills, but they will buy the good things of earth in the Flowery Kingdom.

I have been collecting Chinese coins in a desultory way for the past few years, and happen during the last month, to have been working over, with the aid of a Mantchu scholar, the very matter you discuss. I have never yet met either a foreigner or educated Chinese, who knew the meanings of the Mantchu characters, and I am curious to know the source of Mr. Brudin's information. Henry Kingman, Tientsin China.

It is very difficult, even in China, to get reliable facts concerning the Mantchu characters or mint marks on the back of the cash of the present dynasty, and the information you give in your journal is valuable. W. C. Eaton, Yokohama Japan.

At this season of the year, doth the provident numismatist wonder "where he was at," and hie himself to his cabinets, dust the same, and drive away the industrious spiderlets, and prepare for another campaign; by rearranging his collection and adding largely thereto, by paying up his annual tithes to his kindred societies, by renewing his allegiance to his news gatherer: then shall he be as hilarious as the juicy bivalve that lurks in the jungles aside the brackish wastes, his conscience be at peace, and he dwell long in the land, prepared by his fathers, to enjoy his treasures. Selah!

Please discontinue my 'ad' in your journal as I have sold all my stock, which I could not have done if I had not advertised in the only Numismatic Journal which reaches the mass of collectors. C. H. Howes, Omaha Neb.

F. H. Humly of Cadillac Mich., is the possessor of two interesting medals, lately acquired of an Indian trader. One was originally presented to Chief Pontiac at Detroit in 1764, from George III. It is in diameter, 48.

Obv. Head of George III. Rev. Arms of Great Britain. The other is of same size and was presented to Chief Ogemaw by President Van Buren in 1837.

Obv. Portrait of the President. Rev. A device symbolic of peace and friendship. Both are in solid silver.

The editor of this journal is now in Colorado and New Mexico, where, for healtiful reasons he leaves his family during the cold months of the year. He expects to be in his accustomed place by Oct. 25th, but our November number will be necessarily late in consequence. In the meanwhile, any Association news for publication, hand to Sec'y Page.

Two medals have just been struck at The Mint, by the American Bar Association, for David Dudley Field of New York and Sir Roundell Palmer, Earl of Sherburne, of the English Bar: for distinguished service in the advancement of the science of jurisprudence. They each contain $100. worth of pure gold.

OUR NUMISMATIC DIRECTORY

This list began in Vol. 3. No. 1. No names are inserted but once.

There are no doubt many in these lists who would be pleased to make exchange of duplicates. The brotherhood is a courteous one, and a courteous letter will receive a like reply.

LIST No. 21.

673 Rollins, J F., 26 Edinboro St, Boston Mass.
4 Ross, Wm., Box 5 Chaplin Conn.
5 Rowley, C P., Box 316, Poughkeepsie N. Y.
6 Salter, Nelson L., Box 157, Merced Cal.
7 Samson, Harry G., 75 6th Ave. Pittsburd Pa.
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3 Shark Jr., H T., 511 Orange St Wilmington N C.
4 Shedd, Harry. Ashland Neb.
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Remember that the NUMISMATIST goes, regularly or irregularly, to every name in this Directory; and that a yearly advertisement will reach over 700 coin collectors.

The Souvenir Half-Dollar.

We have received numerous clippings with illustrations from our correspondents, during the past two months, in relation to the proposed souvenir coins, and, through the kindness of Brother J. B. Breeding, of the Texas Plastic Chalk Co., we are enabled to give a plate of the design.

This model will not however be adopted, and is only interesting to us as bearing the Lotto portrait of the great navigator. This portrait is probably as authentic as any of the many, but the expression is too "child like and bland," to suit our ideal of the stern man who boldly pushed out into the unknown, and whose determined efforts gave us a new world. This portrait will probably stay, and on the reverse, a caravel and two globes.

These souvenir coins are the result of an appropriation by Congress, to aid the fair, of two and a half million dollars, to be coined into silver half- dollars, or five million pieces. The original intention was for their use, primarily as coins of admission, and secondarily, as souvenirs of the Fair.

It is therefore with regret that we note, that the authorities of the Fair are already banking upon the cupidity of collectors, curio-seekers, hobby- riders, *et hoc omnes genus* to help them unload these pieces at an enormous profit. We would that in this matter they were doomed to disappointment, but the old adage of Artemus Ward, that "this world contains about thirteen hundred millions of people, mostly fools" needs only the occasion to be verified.

To us, it seems a humiliating confession, that tends to lower the dignity of the greatest city of the greatest nation, that the managers of the grandest Exposition this world has known, have to resort to schemes like this to obtain money. If profit is the great desideratum, we fail to see why Congress did not go one step further and authorize the coins struck in white or base metal; then would Chicago have been "chicagoed" and a precious metal saved from base uses.

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The Adjourned Meeting of the Second Annual Convention of the American Numismatic Association, was held in Pittsburg Pa., Oct. 1st, 1892. In the absence of the regular presiding officers, Mr. Henry Mc Knight was called upon to preside, and Geo. W. Rode officiated as Secretary. The Chair appointed Messrs Rode, Voetter and Kirk, as Committee on Credentials, the same to count the vote cast at the Annual Election. This Committee reported 36 members represented either in person or by proxy.

The appointment of standing committees was left to the new President and several letters of regret, good wishes, etc, were read and ordered placed on file.

The reports of the Treasurer, (see September issue) and the Sup't of Exchange, (see pages 63-4) were read and referred back for further action. The Treasurer submitted a supplementary report (November issue). The Reports of the Board of Trustees, and Committee on Official Journal, were read and ordered on file.

The proposed amendment to By-Law IV f, was declared adopted; the vote standing:– Aye, 28: No, 2; not voting, 6.

The President was requested to appoint a Committee of three (residing in the same neighborhood,) to thoroughly revise the Constitution and By-Laws. Such revision to be

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The latest applicants for admission are,
Charles S. Wilcox. 27-162 Washington St. Chicago Ill.
Henry H. Lowrie, M. D, Plainfield N. J.

Unless objections are raised, these candidates will be entitled to Membership Certificates Nov. 1st on payment of dues.

Where is *Plain Talk?*

ERRATA- In No. 23 (Distribution Sales) for Brazil, (10 kop 1758), read Russia.

Rumored that our Canadian cousins are about to organize a National Association of numismatists.

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Wanted: By the American Numismatic Association, 100 new members before Oct 1st '93. Write me for full particulars. O. W. Page, Secretary, Waltham Mass.

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submitted to a mail vote of the Association. The suggestions of Mr. Harlowe, 'that the officers be required to make quarterly reports through the Official Journal,' and 'that the officers receive an extra copy of the Official Journal for their official use,' were approved, and the committee on Official Journal directed to supply an extra copy to the Secretary, Treasurer, Sup't of Exchange, and the Secretary of the Board of Trustees.

The following suggestions were referred to the Committee on revising the Constitution and By-Laws.

By Mr. Frossard:– Changing the name of "Counterfeit Detector" to Expert;" and prohibiting a dealer from holding this office.

By Mr. Heckelman;– Providing when a mail vote is taken on amending the Constitution, that each member vote in duplicate; one ballot to be sent to the Secretary of the Association, the other to the Secretary of the Board of Trustees. Also, whenever the Constitution is amended, that each member receive a printed copy as amended, with names of new members.

By Mr. Taylor:– To provide a medal of Membership, and Association Badge.

By Mr. Rode:– To increase the commission charged by the Sup't of Exchange, from 5, to 10 per-cent.

No action was taken on Mr. Harlowes' recommendation of the dropping of delinquent members, as By-Law I provides for these cases. The reports of the Treasurer and the Exchange Sup't were referred to the Auditing Committee (Messrs Kirk and Voetter) to report in the Official Journal.

Chicago was voted the next convention place; time, the day following the A. P. A. Convention in 1893. The President to appoint a committee of arrangements therefor.

The result of the election of officers is given on page 73.

For Official Journal; THE NUMISMATIST 26 votes. For publishing our own journal, 9 votes. Adjourned *sine die.*

Abstract report, by Geo. W. Rode.

THE NUMISMATIST
AND YEAR BOOK FOR 1892.

Vol. 5. No. 5. November 1892. Monthly

Nathan's Arguments.

You do not vish dose bieces den at dat?
Dose nice half-tollars? I vil pet a hat
You find none joost so good not anyvere.
Yah in de thirties, so, but dey'l pe rare
In fifty year. Now come, vore it is you,
I take a tollar each, mind joost a few.
No?– ninety cent, den? O My! but dey are sheap!
Vat! no take ninety cent? If you vil keep
Dem all vor–look–dree quarters each, I say,
May pe I takes him, but I gife avay
Vor notings all dose peantiful fine coins.
Und you no shoomp at dat? Vel, if I joins
Mit dem a—no? You Christian gentlemen,
Dont anypody know no pargains den.
Vot do you say? Der was a Shew like me
Got dirty biece of silver und he see
He make a pig mistake. Yah dot ish so.
Meinherr, but gif dot Judas joost a show.
Vasn't he pooty sorry? Now I tink
Sometimes, he got a sort of crazy kink
Vor coin collectin' joost like me und you.
He vas cashier und learn a ting or two
Apont de monish all dose beoples gave
Und pooty soo he might pegin to save
De raritish. My! vat a shance he hat
Ven he pass roun' de blate. I vould pe glat
If I hat but his pickins vor a veek.
Joost tink of all dose bieces, Roman, Creek,
Eshipshun' Arap, Persian, Shewish,–golt
Und silver, pig und leetle, new und olt
Of every tam descripshun. Ven I dry

To reckon all ish pot, I vant to cry
Pecanse I vas not dere dot time mit him
Und all dose green deshiples in de schwim.
Py holy Moses! If I hat von vish
I'd take de tribute monish vat de fish,
Deposit vith such bleasure at te bank
Wid Peter's signed shirtificate, und thank
No pody vor a livin.' Great und shmall,
Museums, Showmans, Cardinals und all
Vould make me tired, beggin' vor dot biece.
But to come pack mit Judas. Vat a geese
I vas apout dot tribute. Now, subbose
Dot stubborn ole high briest hat rows und rows
Of lofely bieces—ein collection rare,
Vith two of many dates, vat he might spare.
Joost dirty shekels Judas couldn't get
In any vay to make complete his set;
Und dot high briest he hat dem very fine
Or broof. Now, may pe Judas write a line
Like dis. "O Rabbi, all de dealers say
Deys some shoise dublicates you've put avay
Vich I vant very bat." Und den de briest
He write, "you cussed Christian, not de least
Of all my monish vil I sell to you,
But deres a leetle ting vat you might do,
Und, if you like, come up und haf a talk."
Und Judas, den, on von dark night he valk
To dot briests palace, und he get a look
In all ish cabinet, und ven he took
Dose dirty lofely bieces vat he need
Und find dem nearly broof, he say "agreed,
I vil do almost anytings vor dese;'
Und ven he heert, he still vas qvite at ease
Und tink he get his bieces very sheap
Vor all de pargains vot he hat to keep
Is, vare his master vas sometime, to tell,

*

Who, if He vant, could gif dot high briest hell.
Den, ven He didnt do it right avay,
Dot Judas said he didn't vant no pay,
Und trew dose lofely shekels on de floor,
Vich none of dem vas first rate any more,
Und vent und hangt himself, und ca he got
His 'bitters' mit de duyfel boilin' hot.
Now dis is vat I tink a tam hart luck
Vor dat poor chap, 'cause he vas awfal stuck
On coin collectin', couldn't gif his note
Vor ten cent on de tollar, lost his vote
Vor anypody, den he run ashore
Und vent to bieces. Now I've von vort more
To Christian gentlemens mit coins like you,
Vor, if dot ting vat I hav' heert is true,
Ven Sunday come, und your nice leetle poys
Mustn't do notings mit dere pooty toys,
You leave von goot ole breacher in de lurch
Und study coins, ven you should go to shurch,
Und if you tink de chance of harm so slim
Like Judas, you might go to hell mit him.

A. G. Heaton.

It is announced that $10,000. has been offered for th first struck coin of the World's Fair souvenir series. Mor is, however, expected will be bid.

"A really bad specimen of a coin is no addition or im provement to your cabinet, and it always finds you apolog zing to yourself and friends for its appearance."

The 100 rouble note of Russia is barred from top to bo tom with all the colors of the rainbow, blended as when show through a prism. In the center, stands a large finely exec ted vignette, in black, of Empress Catherine. The other e graving is not at all intricate or elaborate, but is well done i dark and light brown and black inks.

Numismatic Foundation Stones.

NINTH PAPER.

THE SCIENCE of numismatics has especial reference to the study of coins only, yet for convenience sake and historical co-relationship, the following have been added: Medallions, Medals, Military, Naval, Society, Scholarship, Religious, Exhibition or Fair Prizes, etc.

There are four classifications of coins as follows:

I Ancient, including Greek, Roman, Phœnician, &c.

II Byzantine.

III Mediæval.

IV Modern.

Each series can be divided into a large variety of classifications.

The coins of the ancients were of the following metals.

1 Gold.

2 Electrum, a compound of gold and silver.

3 Silver.

4 Billon and Potin; alloys of silver and bronze.

5 Bronze, with a percentage of tin.

Greek coins may be divided into three sections.

1st. Autonomous, or coins issued by self-governed cities.

2nd. Regal, or coins struck in the name of Kings.

3d. Imperial, or coins of Greek cities, struck in Roman Imperial times, usually with the head of the Emperor on the obverse.

The chronological periods are:–

I B. C. 700–480. Period of ARCHAIC ART, ending wit the Persian wars.

II B. C. 480–430. Period of TRANSITIONAL ART, betwe the Persian and Pelloponnesian wars.

III B. C. 430–400. Period of EARLY FINE ART, to t end of the Athenian supremacy.

IV B. C. 400–336, Period of FINEST ART. Age of Spartan and Theban supremacies. Philip of Macedon

V B. C. 336–280, Period of LATER FINE ART. Age of Alexander and his immediate successors.

VI B. C. 280–197. Period of the DECLINE OF ART. Age of the Epigoni or descendents of Alexander's successors.

VII B. C. 197–27. Period of the LATE DECLINE OF ART. Age of the Attalids, Mithradates, and of the Roman supremacy.

VIII B. C. 27–A. D. 268. Period of THE LATEST DECLINE OF ART. The Empire; Augustus—Gallienus.

Dates are not found on Greek coins before the age of Alexander the Great.

The coins of Ancient Rome are not so artistically interesting as those of Greece, but are most useful for those who desire a knowledge of the history of that great people. They are classified as follows:–

COINS OF THE REPUBLIC.

I Heavy Bronze coins cast in a mold. ÆS GRAVE.

II The so called CONSULAR OR FAMILY series, consisting of silver and bronze struck coins with a few gold

COINS OF THE EMPIRE.

III Gold and silver, struck by authority of the Emperor.

IV Bronze, commonly called Large, Middle and Small, or 1st, 2nd and 3d Brass or Bronze, struck by authority of the Senate, and distinguished by the initials S. C. (Senatus Consulto.)

V Imperial medallions, in all metals, not intended as money.

The series of large brass coins which is of more interest than the others, ceases after the reign of Postumus.

Silver money was first struck in Rome about 368 B. C.

JOSEPH HOOPER.

Abont 1840, in the Middle and early Western States, there flonrished a noted counterfeiter named Borghese, who flooded that section of the country with what was known as "Bhorghese currency." "Bogus" is a corruption of Borghese.

Notes Queries, Etc.

Our Exchange and Want pages crowded out.

We had a pleasant visit with brethren in Chicago and Colorado. It was all too brief.

The NUMISMATIST for Oct., just at hand. It grows better every month, Otis Balcom, Indianapolis Ind.

Wanted: War Medals. Address, D. Hastings Irwin, Woodville Road, Bowden, Sheffield, England.

We should have more applications for membership, the field is white now for the harvest. Gather them in.

What is the cause of the circular indentation in the center of so many of the bronze coins of the Ptolemies?

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Current numbers of the *American Journal of Numismatics*, *Numismatic Magazine* and *Numismatology*, will be in our Association Library during 1893.

Owing to pressure of other duties, Mr. Tatman will give up his Department in *Plain Talk*. We hope some member of our Association will continue the good work there.

Vice President Hooper and Librarian Stone desire to return their thanks to the members of the Assobiation for honors conferred, and assure them that they have their whole armor on for the work.

We will wager a years subscription to this journal that, that person who wrote Librarian Stone for "pneumismatic" information, has either had a late ptussle with pneumonia, or rides a pneumatic ptired bike, or both.

It is with regret that we have to chronicle the death of Mr. Eugene Peachy, a prominent numismatist of Ottawa Ontario. Deceased was thirty-one years of age, and leaves a wife and one child to mourn their loss. The members of the Numismatic Society of Ottawa, to which he belonged, attended the obsequies in a body.

The Numismatic Association of England, has now forty-five members.

The NUMISMATIST is the official organ of the American Numismatic Association, and goes free to all its members. During 1893, it alone, will be worth more than the cost of membership. Join the Association!

This journal visits many yet outside the ark of safety, plodding along their weary way solitary and alone, the monotony of whose lives is only relieved by our monthly visits. Move up into congenial company. Join the Association.

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Brother! Two years ago you did not know of a dozen collectors beyond the limited confines of your immediate environment; now you know of hundreds. The NUMISMATIST done it with its little hatchet, and made the Association possible. Join the Association!

We are engaged in an honest, earnest effort to raise the standard of our science up to the heights where it belongs, and to organize the heterogenious mass of collectors into form and order. To this end should all who love the science, strike hands and work, Join the Association!

Again attention is called to our advertising pages. Such a display is unique in the history of numismatic journalism; the best of all, is, they come to us unsolicited. Remember the advertiser in your gettings, for on them depends much, the success of your journal.

Those Membership Certificates. The new members agonize over them; the old members cry for them, and those who are not members would find them a delightful balm for that "tired feeling." Join the Association and get one.

P. S, Any member who is without the comforter, may get one by applying to the Secretary with stamp.

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The Amended Report of the Treasurer.

To the President and Members of the American Numismatic Association.

Herewith, amended statement of receipts and expenditures, which covers the period from organization of our Association to the end of the first fiscal year, September 30th, 1892. The amounts received from members are:

Initiation Fees, $12. Dues, $98,50. Total, $110,50.
Expended as per vouchers herewith, 73,94.
Balance in the hands of the Treasurer this date. $36,56.

The following members are still in arrears for dues, Nos. 57, 69, 84, 95, 111, 112, 115 and 117. No. 84 is in arrears owing to a misunderstanding, and will be paid.

Respectfully Submitted. David Harlowe, Treasurer.
Milwaukee Wis. Sept 30th 1892.

The following adopted resolution, is the one referred to in our report of the Convention, on page 73.

Whereas, The present Constitution has proven defective in many particulars, and is not suited to the needs of the Association, therefore be it

Resolved, 1st. That the President be requested to appoint a special committee (to be selected from the same neighborhood if practicable), whose duty shall be to thoroughly re-

vise the Constitution and By-Laws.

2nd. As soon as said committee has performed its duties the President shall have its report published in the Official Journal, and shall order a mail vote of the members on its adoption or rejection.

3d. The vote shall be taken under the direction of the Board of Trustees, and 60 days shall elapse between the publication of the report and call for vote, and closing of the polls. The Trustees, shall certify to the result of the vote to the President. If two-thirds of the members voting are in favor of its adoption he shall declare the report adopted, as the Constitution and By-Laws of this Association.

Convention Echoes.

Our motto: 100 new members for 1893!

The Pittsburg brethren did well, and deserve the hearty thanks of the Association.

In the vote for the next convention place; Chicago easily took the plum with 15votes. Pittsburg followed with 6, while the scattered vote was divided between Toronto, Toledo, Washington and Milwaukee.

Why the voting and work of the Association, should be left to thirty-six of our members, is past our comprehension; why, we did better than that at our first convention with only half the present membership. What is the matter?

At the Niagara Falls Convention in August, the Association in the absence of the regular presiding officers, was called to order by Geo. W. Rode; William C. Stone acting secretary. Messrs Stone, Gremny and Mott were appointed on committee of Credentials, who reported five members present in person and six represented by proxy. No quorum being present, adjournment was made subject to the call of the President. Members present; Geo. W. Rode; F. J. Gremny; L. W. Mott; Wm C. Stone and H. E. Deats.

To the Editor of the NUMISMATIST.

The following letter of acceptance has been received from Dr. Heath accepting the office of President of the American Numismatic Association. O. W. Page, Sec'y

Monroe Mich, Oct. 5th. 1892.

O. W. Page, Sec'y of the Am. Num. Ass'n.

Dear Sir: Through you, I desire to express my thanks to the Association, for the honor conferred on me in making me your President for the coming year. I accept the trust, and ask the active co-operation of every member in making this, the ensuing year, a "red letter" one in the history of our organization. Very Truly,

Geo. F. Heath.

The President has made the following appointments on Committees for the present Association year.

On Committee for revising the Constitution:

Messrs Rode, Mc Knight and Kirk.

On Committee of Arrangements, Convention, Aug. 1893:

Messrs Jerrems, Stevens, Harlowe, Porter, Hosmer.

Auxilliary (on Programme): Fletcher, Wilcox and Garner.

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Standing Rules: Messrs Tatman, Gruhlke and Stebbins.

Library and Cabinet: Messrs Stone, Storer and Sh[illegible]s.

Officia Journal: Messrs Page, Hooper and Bingham.

To the President of the A. N. A.

The Auditing Committee begs leave to report, t it has carefully examined the books of the Treasurer and [illegible]-perintendent of Exchange, and find the same correct.

T. W. Voetter. } *Committee.* Pittsburg P[illegible]

C. W. Kirk. } Oct. 19th 18[illegible].

Any of our readers desiring to subscribe to the *Am[illegible]ican Journal of Numismatics* at club rates, should [illegible] Secretary Page without delay.

To our Members:–

Now that the Constitution does not require you to give bond before joining my department, I hope every member will patronize same, both by sending coins &c, to be circulated, and by being placed on the circuit to receive exchange lots, However, the rules require that I shall send lots only to such members as request them. In sending your request for this purpose please refer to some bank or business firm as to your responsibility, and also inform me what your specialty is and what express company it is most convenient to receive packages by. Please send in your requests as soon as possible in order that I may arrange the circuits. Envelopes for enclosing coins &c. for the circuit will be forwarded for 25 cents a hundred, postpaid. Fraternally yours,

Geo. W. Rode, Sup't.

49 Fifth Ave., Pittsburg Pa.

Notwithstanding the fact, that we seem to be serving as the caudle appendage of the A. P. A, we give fair warning that at Chicago we do not propose to be the tail of any kite. We propose to begin *now* in our efforts to make our Convention there a success and shall not relax until that *success comes*. One member can do but little, but, with hearty cooperation much can be done. It is our desire to have a series of papers read at this meeting, and hope those favoring such a program will communicate with us. It is proposed to make these papers a series of supplements to the NUMISMATIST during 1893, not to be given out, however, until the Convention.

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Unless objections are raised, these candidates will be entitled to Membership Certificates Dec., 1st on payment of their dues.

OUR NUMISMATIC DIRECTORY

This list began in Vol. 3. No. 1. No names are inserted but once.

There are no doubt many in these lists who would be pleased to make exchange of duplicates. The brotherhood is a courteous one, and a courteous letter will receive a like reply.

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THE NUMISMATIST
AND YEAR BOOK FOR 1892.

Vol. 5. No. 6. December 1892. Monthly.

Numismatic Foundation Stones.

Tenth Paper.

Collecting of coins has no doubt been a favorite employment of antiquarians for centuries. There is no doubt that Greek and Roman numismatists were as plenty as in these later days; some of the fine specimens of ancient coins now in our collections undoubtedly occupied similar positions in Egypt, Greece and Rome a thousand and more years ago; and this fact adds materially to the interest with which we view our cabinets.

Jewish Coins.

To Simon Maccabeus was conceded (by Antiochus the son of Demetrius) the right of coining national money, the earliest being issued about 144 B. C. in pieces of one, two and four silver shekels, bearing different dates all relating to the Judiac ceremonial of worship.

In the first book of Maccabees XV, 6. in the letter of Antiochus, the king, to Simon the high priest, and to the Jewish nation, occurs this passage; "And I give thee leave to coin money of thine own stamp in thine own country." Simon Maccabeus under this permission coined the first money of the Jews.

Their coinage bore no head of a God on its face—the second commandment forbade it. The pot of manna, and buds of Aaron's rod, were devices adopted with different legends, most commonly "Shekel Israel," "Jerusalem Holy," or Schischimon Prince of Israel" in the ancient form of Hebrew character, and not in the debased form in use since the captivity. The Greek and Roman currency took its place in time and although coins of Herod and of Barkokab, the rebel, are extant, it is improbable that these were issued to any great extent. The few known are small and rude.

It is impossible to give any idea of the money value of

ancient coins by modern terms. The size of the shekels now extant is not quite as large as the American half-dollar, the weight 274 Paris grains. In Matthew XXVII, the temple tax, or tribute money is mentioned as a didrachm, elsewhere it is stated at a half shekel; and in the same chapter, 27th verse, a stater is made to pay the tax of two persons. These few verses, at the end of the chapter, give some light on the relative value of the ancient Jewish, Roman and Greek coins. The coin issued by Barkokab, "the son of a star," during the second revolt of the Jews A. D. 131, concludes the series of these interesting pieces covering a period of 275 years.

JOSEPH HOOPER.

Souvenir Coin Gossip.

The newest thing out. Buy your half-dollar for a dollar and sell it for two dollars. We dont hear much about the two dollar victims yet, but suppose they will be forthcoming.

According to late dispatches 700,000 of the souvenirs will be struck by Dec. 1, and a million by New Year's. The 1st, 400th, 1492d and 1892d of these pieces are reserved to a special few who are expected to have more green matter in their pocketbooks than gray matter in their calvariæ.

Superintendent Bosbyshell of the Mint says the coins will be struck after Jan. 1st, at the rate of 500,000 a month. At this rate they will all be struck before September 1893,

The average man won't stick about the World's Fair souvenir half dollar. Any other will do as well.—*Philadelphia Call.*

The coinage of the souvenir half dollars has already begun at the Philadelphia mint, and the superintendent expects to have 300,000 of them ready by Dec. 1st. Talking about money making did you ever see anything like the profit Chicago will get out of the remelting of old half dollars and making "souvenir" coins of them? *Pittsburg Chronicle.*

The wheels in the Philadelphia mint have begun to grind out the World's Fair souvenir half dollars. Engraver Barber says they will be very much like half dollars.—*Savannah News.*

The statement from Washington that no one had a right to distribute the World's Fair coins without the authority of the secretary of the treasury, brings forth the statement from Philadelphia that none has left the mint yet. So, that $10,000 bit of silver, which is really worth about thirty-five cents is still under the government's care.—*Baltimore American.*

The picture of Columbus upon the souvenir coins will be ideal, so it is stated. It is not altogether clear how it could be any thing else, since the roving gentleman whose bones rest in pair of tombs, neglected to leave any authentic portrait, Those available range from figures of a pallid student to a bewhiskered brigand, each probably as wrong as the other.—*San Francisco Examiner.*

A dollar will go no farther in Chicago than in some other places, but Chicago is the only town that can sell 50 cents for a dollar.—*Minneapolis Times.*

Chicago will make about $7,500,000 out of that $2,500,000 appropriation, and will be in good trim to tackle congress for another at next winter's session.—*Peoria Transcript.*

The design of the coin is very beautiful. On the obverse side, around the rim of the coin just inside the reading, are the words "United States of America Columbian Half-Dollar," with the head of Columbus in the center. On the reverse side, around the rim are these words: "World's Columbian Exposition Chicago." Just above the center is a representation of Columbus' caravel Pinta, and another design showing the eastern and western hemispheres. To the left of the western hemisphere are the figures 14, to the right of the eastern one the figures 92–the date of the year during which the new world was discovered–and finally, underneath is the date 1892, the 400th anniversary of the event.—*Chicago News Record.*

The Amorous Numismatist.

I

An amorous numismatist
Met a fair damsel in a grove,
And when he saw, he sighed and wist
To have the maid return his love.
Said he, "a precious '99'
Light olive cent I have in store
I treasure much; but for thee pine
And feel I love thee *almost* more."
Said she, "I now am quite content
My heart and hope are *in-no-cent.*"

II

The amorous numismatist
He wept that she could thus repel.
"There is no coin upon my list
That I could love, *I think*, so well.
I have a charming 1804
And both together would I give,
I'm *nearly* sure, to thee adore
Accepted and with thee to live."
Said she, "you dwell upon the cent
But not upon the *cent-I-meant.*"

III

"If," said the sad numismatist,
"My cents were bored and linked with wire
To form a bracelet for thy wrist,
And prove the worth of my desire,
If all the rarest of my gold
Were strung thy tresses to bedeck,
My silver pieces most extolled
Were hung about thy snowy neck?"
"Ah," laughed the maiden. "Tell me *when*
I'll be an *acquies-cent* then."

A. G. Heaton.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 30.—Two samples of the World's Fair souvenir coins came to the directors of the mint from Philadelphia this morning to be tested. There was a rush among the treasury officials to get a look at the first of the new half dollars that have yet been sent to the treasury. The samples were a disappointment to say the least. The obverse side on which the Columbus head appears comes in for considerable criticism by the treasury experts. "Whatever value attaches to the coins," said a mint officer, "will be due to the fact that they are souvenirs, and not for any beauty which they possess. In fact they are the agliest coins I ever saw."

I have a specimen

I agree with this criticism.

American Numismatic & Archaeological Society.

A Regular Meeting of the Society was held on Nov. 21, 1892, Vice President Zabriskie presiding

The following persons were elected Resident Members: Charles G. Dodd; J. Sanford Saltus; Charles L. Potter; Samuel P. Avery Jr.; Harry M. Hewitt; William Rhinelander Stewart and Jacob G. Paeplse. Wm E. Cladek M.D. of Rahway, N. J., and John Nicholas Brown of Providence R. I., were elected Corresponding Members.

The names of W. G. Jerrems Jr. and Edward C. Spofford were dropped from the Rolls for non-payment of dues. Attention was called to the fact that Augustus St. Gaudens had become a life member.

The Publication Committee reported that in response to the call for subscriptions to defray the expenses of moving and printing the proceedings and papers to date, they had received a total of $655.00, also that the new proceedings will be illustrated, contain a history of the Society and be ready for distribution in December.

The Librarian reported that he had received 343 pamphlets and bound volumes since the last meeting. The principal donors being Messrs Benj. Betts, Charles H. Huberich, L. Bayard Smith, Hon. Edward O. Leech, Scott Stamp &

Coin Co., and the Smithsonian Institution.

The Curator of Numismatics reported that some 346 pieces had been received. The donors were Messrs Parrish, Grole, Poillon, Oettinger, Frossard, Valentine, Dodd, Wahle, Ellers, Hitchcock, Bosbyshell and the Scott Stamp & Coin Co.

The Curator of Archæology reported that his department had been recently arranged, numbered and catalogued. A donation of a round white enamel snuff box having a picture of the fortifications of New York about 1770, had been received from Corresponding Member, Charles J. Schofield of London England.

The Historigrapher called the attention of the Society to the death of our fellow member and late vice president, David L. Walter, also to the death of E. Harrison Sanford, a former Resident Member. On motion adjourned.

H. Russell Drowne Secretary.

Philistis, wife of Hiero II. 269–215 B. C.

It is a common remark in these days that woman has never been so like the equal of man as at the present time. We have no desire to enter into the discussion of this great question, and yet if women are so downtrodden and legislated against as expressed in their latest declaration of wrongs to be righted, it was not such a bad thing comparatively, to have been a woman in the ancient days.

The ancients attributed equal honors to their gods and

goddesses. If strength or power was the desideratum, a male was the personification; if beauty or grace in form or person, a female. They were worshiped alike. Alike, we see on their coinage the features of Jupiter, Apollo, Neptune, Mars, Mercury and Hercules, and the beautiful classic features of Persephone, Pallas, Venus, Juno and Diana. And not in mythology only do we see woman reverenced and proclaimed as the equal of man, but in authentic history as illustrated by the coins bearing the portraits of Philistis, Cleopatra, Iotape and later in the later Roman era by Julia, Agrippina, Domatilla, Sabina, the Faustinas and many others of the Roman mothers, wives and daughters, whose portraits have been handed down to us only on the coins of their time, mute tokens of ancient types of beauty, and truthful evidences of the high esteem woman was held in that day.

The illustrations that head this article, are from coins of Hiero II of Syracuse. The portraits are of his wife, Philistis, and is perhaps the oldest authentic portrait of a woman that has come down to us. Mr. William J. Stillman, in an article* speaking of this woman and coin, has touchingly said: "Philistis was a woman of Syracuse, daughter of a wealthy citizen, and there is a singular interest thrown about this lovely head by the knowledge that in the fifty years of Hiero's reign he struck only one type of money with his own head, and that in all the rest of his reign, with the exception of the very early issues, he showed his devotion to his wife and child by perpetuating their images in his coinage. The head of Gelon, his son, bears a resemblance to Philistis. Of his life or theirs we know but little; Syracuse was happy enough in his reign of half a century to leave almost no history, no record of conquest, disaster, or rebellion; but to me this mute witness, by a coin nearly twenty-two centuries old, of the happiness and devotion of a king dominates all the glories of Sicilian history — that little taper of domestic bliss, a spark for the imagination alone to deal with, shines

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beyond the conflagration of conquest and the glitter of military glory. If Dante had known their story he would have put Hiero and Philistis among the good who lived before Christ, blest if not redeemed."

Hooper's Restrikes.

The Bibliotheque Nationale, Paris has a collection of 150,000 medals and coins.

A law has been passed in Montevideo providing for the coinage of $3,000,000 in silver.

There are in America 119,000,000 of the old copper cents lying around somewhere. Few get back to the mint.

"A fine collection of coins!" is what the Judge remarked when the prisoner had paid his $10.– all in silver and copper.

A pot of silver, containing 300 coins, was recently unearthed by Jupiter Jams, a colored man in Liberty Co. Ga. The money is supposed to have been buried by Blackbeard, a pirate.

The value of a ton of pure gold is $602,799,02. $1,000,000 in gold coin weighs 3685.8.pounds avoirdupois. The value of a ton of pure silver is $38,704,34. $1.000,000 in silver coin weighs 58.929.9 pounds avoirdupois.

"I hyah" said Uncle Zeb to a neighbor," dat Congress done sot down on Philly-Delphys mint prospex."

"*Yoh doan say so!*"

"*Yasser.*"

"Well, dat sutny am er shame, wif de julip time jes–a–comin."

With the December number of the NUMISMATIST, closes two years of its issue, which when bound will form quite an interesting volume and souvenir of the American Numismatic Association. Brethren get your 24 months numbers together and into the hands of the binder.

Wear and Tear of Coins.

A gold coin passes from one to another 2,000,000,000 times before the stamp or impression on it becomes obliterated by friction, while a silver coin changes between 3,250,000,000 times before it becomes entirely effaced.

Coins of the Mogul Emperors.

Mr. Stanley Lane Poole has finished his "Catalogue of the Mogul Emperors of Hindoostan in the British Museum," from the invasion of Baber to the establishment of a British currency by the East India Company in 1535. It contains descriptions of over 1,400 coins, chiefly in gold and silver, 500 of which are represented in the autotype illustrations. This completes this authors description of the entire collection of Mohammedan coins in the museum.

Mode of Coining in Ancient Greece.

The earliest Greek coins are simply bullets of metal, oval or bean shaped, bearing on one side the signet of the state or of the community responsible for the purity of the metal and the exactness of the weight. Coins were at first stamped on one side only, the reverse showing merely the impression of the square headed spike or anvil on which, after being weighed, the bullet or hot metal was placed with a pair of tongs, and there held while a second workman adjusted upon it the engraved die. This done, a third man with a heavy hammer would come down on it with all his might, and the coin would be produced, bearing on its face or obverse the seal of the issuer, and on the reverse only the mark of the anvil strike, or incuse square. This simple process was, after a time, improved upon by adding a second engraved die beneath the metal bullet, so that a single blow of the sledge-hammer would provide the coin with a type, as it is called, in relief, on both sides. Nearly all Greek coins later than the age of the Persian wars bear a type on both sides.

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Those archæologically inclined (and what numismatist is not) will notice Brother Gruhlke's 'ad' in this issue.

Have you paid your yearly dues yet? See By-Law I. Your failure to get the NUMISMATIST may be the first intimation you will have that you are suspended.

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A few of our regular advertisements were unintentionally omitted in our last issue. It will not occur again

We can already assure our readers, that the reading of papers feature at our August Convention, will be a success. This also assures a successful convention.

We have seen Lots A and B on the Exchange Circuit, and must say, that, in quality, quantity, prices quoted, and methods of management, little more could be asked.

Brother FROSSARD has in preperation a new list of 1794 cents, which will contain obverse and reverse illustrations of each variety. This will prove a decided improvement on all previous efforts in this line. We are informed that the illustrations are from the 1794 cents in the fine collection of Mr. W. W. Hays, of the Pension Office, Washington D. C.

Mr. F. P. Bishop, the genial gentleman and numismatist of Allen, Hillsdale Co. Mich., has made pilgrimage, and worshipped at the shrine of Numisma. We have but one fault to find with Mr. Bishop, and that is his envious disposition. Any specimens in our cabinet that we valued above parting with, he was always frantic to buy. We had no difficulty in hypnotizing him as our pages will prove.

Brother HEATON is sojourning in the World's Fair City and circulating among the brethren. Mr. Heaton is an artist by profession, and though portrait painting is his field, he has put many an ideal of general interest upon canvas. One, "The Recall of Columbus," from his brush, was bought some years since by the Government for the Capitol. Our numismo-philatelists will be interested to know, that this picture will be reproduced on the new 50 cent stamps of the Columbian series; a deserved compliment to our artist contributor.

It would be impossible to please all of our readers. We regret that we cannot. Exceptions there have ever been since the morning stars sang together. There is a record of a snake being in Eden, and later of fallen angels. Some stars do not shine, some waters are bitter, some birds do not sing and some roses give no perfume. Exceptions everywhere. There are some persons who would grumble going to glory in a palace car; and some will sit on the edge of a cloud, resplendent in all the magnificent effulgence reflected from the great white throne, and blame St. Peter for passing them into a place, that in their opinion, is not what it has been cracked up to be. If any of our readers have got into the wrong pew and dont enjoy our sermonettes, they can leave the hymn book in the pew, and pass out quietly. The ushers at the door will refund the money.

Every Coin collector in Southern Michigan, Northern Ohio and Indiana knows him when he comes 'missionarying around,' and he makes the circuit often. Every two weeks, rain or shine, he illumines the editorial sanctum with the light of his countenance. As a commercial traveller, he is a hustler; and on the trail of a rare date, curio, or Indian relic, he keeps the track hot. All kinds of curios or things collectible, go as grist to his mill. When he heard of Koch's baccillus, he wanted one. When Barnum went through the country with his white elephant, he followed him up three weeks in a vain effort to induce him to part with it. 2500 years hence, when Columbian mummies are being dug up and taken to Central Asia for exhibition in the great museums of that day; his will be recognized by the patinated 1799 and 1804 in either grasp, and by the number 86 and following inscription on his sarcophagus.

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